Agreement regarding supply of fighter jets from Russia

1174. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement for supply of the Russian 140-SU-30 Mkt fighter jets and transfer of related technology was reached between India and Russia during the recent visit of Russian President to New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and terms of the agreement; and

(c) the action taken and being taken on both sides in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the Agreement are:—

(i) Licence is transferred to HAL for manufacture of 140 SU-30 MK-I aircraft, their engines and airborne equipment and also additional 920 engines and 140 sets of airborne equipment for catering to maintenance during the expected total life of the aircraft.

(ii) Russian side shall supply all necessary technical documentation relating to various technologies, identified technical equipment including special machines, jigs and fixtures and tooling as well SKD/CKD kits and components;

(iii) Russian side shall provide necessary technical assistance by deputing Russian specialists and also by training Indian specialists in Russia.

(c) The General Contract regarding various terms and conditions for Russian supplies has been concluded on 28th December, 2000. Necessary sanction enabling HAL to commence activities related to the contract has been issued.

Test flight of LCA

1175. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long awaited indigenously built prototype of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) has been test flown;

(b) if so, whether the test flight was flawless;